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APRIL 19, 1973

TO: MR. HOOB

FROM: WINSTON LORD

PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO YOUR CUSTOMER, SPECIFYING THAT IT IS A PERSONAL NOTE TO AMBASSADOR HUANG FROM DR. KISSINGER. BEGIN TEXT.

WE HAVE JUST DISCOVERED THAT IN THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S FOREIGN POLICY REPORT, TO BE PUBLISHED THIS EVENING, THERE IS AN UNFORTUNATE JUXTAPOSITION OF THE TITLES "PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA" AND "REPUBLIC OF CHINA." IT IS TOO LATE TO CORRECT THIS.

SINCE THE PRIME MINISTER'S COMMENTS DURING MY JUNE 1972 VISIT, WE HAVE CAREFULLY MONITORED OFFICIAL STATEMENTS TO ENSURE THAT THERE ARE NO IMPLICATIONS OF A "TWO CHINA" POLICY, WITH HERETOFORE COMPLETE SUCCESS. WE REGRET THE MISTAKE IN THIS INSTANCE WHICH WAS THE RESULT OF BUREAUCRATIC INERTIA, AND WHICH, OF COURSE, IN NO WAY ALTERS THE FIRM UNITED STATES COMMITMENT TO ESCHUE A "TWO CHINA" POLICY.

WE WILL DO OUR UTMOST TO AVOID A REOCCURRENCE. THE PRESIDENT'S FOREIGN POLICY REPORT, WHICH IS TO BE ISSUED IN TWO WEEKS AND RECEIVES MUCH WIDER PUBLICITY, WILL BE SCRUPULOUS IN THIS REGARD. IT WILL CONTAIN A POSITIVE STATEMENT OF UNITED STATES POLICY TOWARDS THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, INCLUDING SPECIFIC CITATION OF THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE LANGUAGE ON TAIWAN.

END TEXT.

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